

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Monday, November 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Research (SCOR) was held virtually, via WebEx Meeting, on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei
Mr. Enoma Aruevbose
Dr. Benjamin Barootes
Dr. Lindsay Cahill
Dr. Rochelle Côté
Mr. Cyr Couturier, Chair
Dr. Zahra Farahnak
Dr. Colin Farquharson
Ms. Alison Farrell, Delegate for University Librarian
Dr. Emmanuel Haven
Dr. Ronald Haynes
Dr. Kathleen Hodgkinson
Dr. Lesley James
Dr. Anges Juhasz-Ormsby
Dr. Edward Kendall
Dr. Pierre LeBlanc
Dr. Erika Merschrod
Mr. David Miller
Ms. Marie Murphy
Mr. Ryan Murphy
Dr. Giwa Sulaimon
Dr. Heloise Therien-Aubin
Dr. Benjamin Zendel

Regrets:

Dr. Tana Allen
Dr. Mumtaz Cheema
Dr. Bing Chen
Mr. John Harris
Saanvi Saxena
Dr. Kirby Shannahan
Dr. Anne Burke

1. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Cyr Couturier asked for members to introduce themselves as we have quite a few new members.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion 1: To approve the agenda for the November 27, 2023 meeting.

First: Ms. Allison Farrell

Second: Dr. Rochelle Côté

Motion Carried.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 MEETING

The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting.

Motion 2: To approved the minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting as is.

First: Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei

Second: Mr. David Miller

Motion Carried.

4. SCOR REPORT (2022-2023) AND WORKPLAN (2023-2024) TO SENATE

The Chair sent the members a draft copy of the report and workplan before the meeting. It is as follows:

Summary of Activities and Workplan Outcomes 2022-2023

1. Call for student, Post-Doctoral and Faculty participation in SCOR.
2. Engage with and receive update on, implementation of the Indigenous Research Policy
3. Review final Strategic Research Framework 2022-2026
4. Monitor PAOR and URP process early in 2023
5. Brainstorm solutions for the communications gaps that exist within the research community (NOT – completed).

Proposed Workplan 2023-2024

1. Engage with, and receive update on the implementation of the Indigenous Research Policy.
2. Provide feedback and inform the development of the implementation plan for the Research Framework.
3. Monitor the PAOR and URP processes early in 2024.
4. Engage with, and provide feedback to, the upcoming review of several MUN Research policies.

Several comments and amendments were proposed to the report and workplan by committee members. The Chair agreed to revise with input from committee members and forward a revised copy to the Senate for their December meeting.

A copy of the final report to Senate is appended to these Minutes.

5. UPDATE ON RIIG POLICY

Dr. Banahene Adjei presented. The presentation is attached to these Minutes.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Mr. Cyr Couturier, Chair

Mr. David Miller, Executive Secretary

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INDIGENOUS RESEARCH POLICY REVIEW

Brown Bag Lunch Presentation from Grenfell Campus
November 17, 2023

Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei,
Interim Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Research)



Land Acknowledgment and Positionality



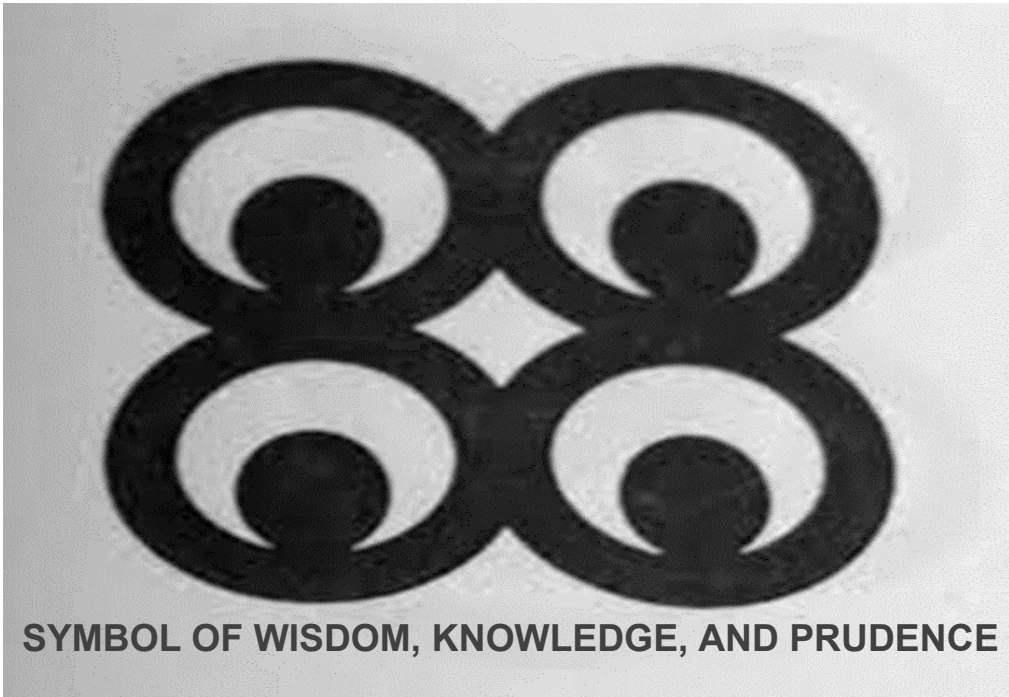
I respectfully acknowledge that I am a guest to the lands on which Memorial University's campuses are situated and the lands are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups. I acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province.



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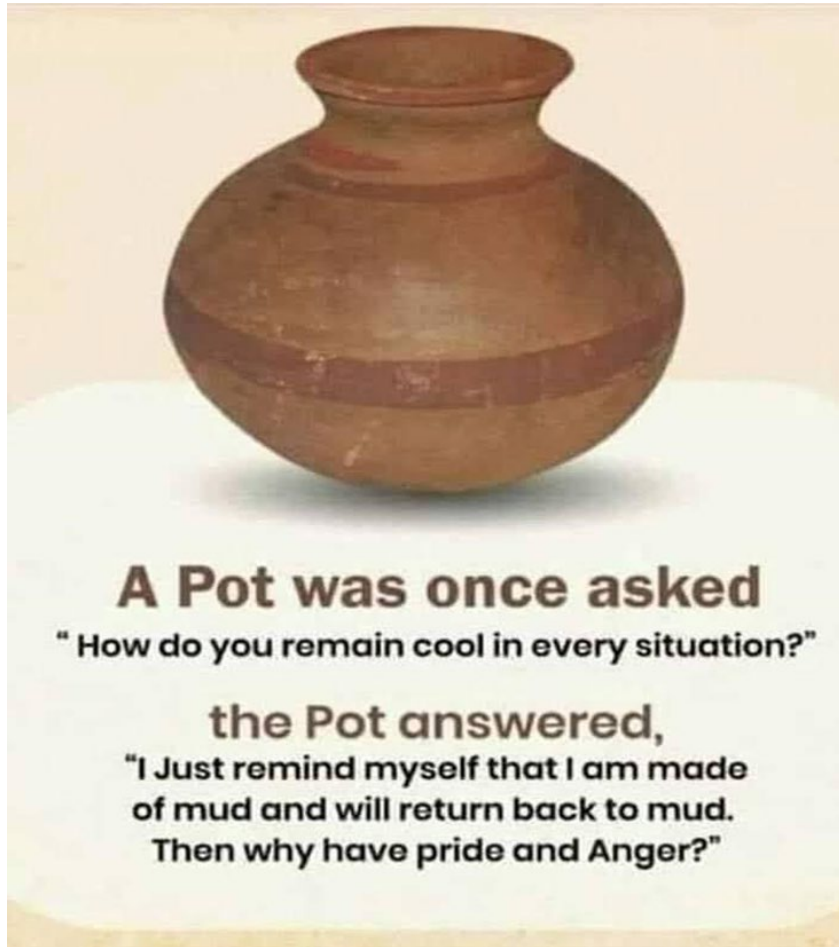
Background



“Nyansa bum enne mate masie” meaning,
“In the depth of wisdom abounds knowledge,
thoughtfulness, and prudence.”
– an Indigenous African symbol of *Nte sie*

- Research Impacting Indigenous Groups (RIIG) policy approved by Senate June 9, 2020 and Board of Regents July 9, 2022
- A 2-phased approach to review RIIG began in Summer 2022
- Current policy is in place until revised one is approved
- Phase One is complete and a draft revised policy has been prepared in consideration of feedback and lessons learned from initial policy implementation.

Phase One



- Inclusive and broad targeted consultations with Indigenous groups in NL and over 20 internal-to Memorial groups including academic units, MUNFA, SCOR, ethics boards, grants facilitation officers, etc.
- Significant revisions to the policy itself, with ongoing work to procedures and related tools to assist with operationalizing the policy.
- A working group provided input throughout the revision period.

Major Revisions

- Ensuring the policy aligns with The *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS2, 2022);
- Clarifying the policy's principles, scope, and definition of Indigenous Research. This includes changing the title of the policy to Research Involving Indigenous Groups (replacing the original Research Impacting Indigenous Groups);
- Move procedural steps to *procedures* rather than house them in the policy itself;
- Replacing the term 'Agreement in Principle' (AiP) with 'Evidence of Community Engagement' (ECE) to reflect the spirit and the intent of the RIIG policy as well as to shift focus from transactional relations to that which encourages continuous engagements with Indigenous Groups;

Major Revisions

- Re-emphasizing the importance for research engagement with Indigenous communities to start at the Concept Development Phase of a research project; as well as ongoing engagements throughout the research cycle and beyond;
- Removing reference to asserted land claims in the definition of 'Indigenous Land' to be consistent with TCPS2 policy;
- Clarify exemptions, including exempting those applying for scholarships and fellowships from needing to seek AiP/ECE at the outset of their proposal;
- Update the title and role of the Committee on Engaging Research Involving Indigenous Groups (CERIIG); and
- Removing complexities and barriers highlighted by feedback.

Phase Two

- Open consultations
- Draft revised policy is now available online
- Feedback welcomed until Dec. 31, 2023
- Next steps will include review of feedback, additional revisions in consideration of feedback, and continued work on the procedures and tools.

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Consultation Open:

Research Involving Indigenous Groups (RIIG) (revised) ←

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Acknowledgement and Gratitude



*A tekese be ye duru a na efiri ekon a emu ye mere – translates as:
A big head is only heavy if the neck carrying it is weak – An Indigenous African proverb*

- Dr. Neil Bose, President *Pro Tempore*
- Dr. Tana Allen, Acting Vice-President (Research)
- Catharyn Andersen, Vice-President (Indigenous)
- Dr. Max Liboiron, inaugural Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Research)
- Violet Ford, previous Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Research)
- Kelly Anne Butler, Interim Director, Indigenous Engagement and Reconciliation
- Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo, Vice-Provost, Labrador Campus and Dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies
- Indigenous leaders, Indigenous Communities and Groups
- VPs, Deans, Directors, Faculties and Staffs at Grenfell, Labrador, and St. John's campuses
- RIIG Working Group
- Indigenous advisory Group
- Staff at the Office of Vice President Research

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Questions?

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